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KENTUCKY LYNCHING

A Coldblooded Murder Occurs at Lexington.

OSCAR MORTON HANGED BY A MOB

Sheriff William Simms Shot Down on the Street by an Old Enemy That Had Already Slain Two Men—The Mob an Orderly One, and Did Their Work Quickly—The Body Riddled With Bullets.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 15.—A special to The Commercial from Lexington, Ky., says: Another lynching was added to the unusually large fall series of Blue Grass lynchings here Saturday. Saturday at the close of the Beattyville fair, Oscar Morton, a prominent citizen of Stanton, in Powell county, went on the warpath. Only two weeks ago Morton killed his man at Stanton and was out on \$5,000 bond to appear next week at the Powell circuit court.

When Morton arrived at the fair he proceeded to get drunk and then went to hunt for Sheriff William Simms, who was his deadly enemy, a feud of long standing existing between the two men. Simms and Morton met near the entrance to the fair grounds, and after a few words both of them drew guns, and a quick exchange of shots followed, Morton using two guns. His first shot broke the sheriff's right arm at the elbow, and John Hogg, a friend of Simms, whipped out his gun and joined in the battle. When the smoke had cleared away it was found that Sheriff Simms was dead, being shot through his breast, one in his abdomen and another through his arm. Morton was shot through the neck, while Hogg was unhurt.

Before a crowd could collect, Morton was hustled to the county jail and placed under guard. The people became infuriated and a big meeting was at once held on the public square. Colonel John Drummond mounted a barrel and made a speech in which he said that the murderer must be hanged, but that the work must be done quietly and with perfect order; Morton had killed two men in less than two weeks time, and he must die by the rope. A mob was quickly formed and marched to the jail. The jailer was overpowered and the keys to Morton's cell obtained. He was found lying in his shirt sleeves on the floor of his cell and after a bitter struggle was seized and dragged out. He then became very imprudent and told the mob that he did not care what they did with him provided they did their work quick.

After a short parley he was taken to a little bridge some distance from town and the rope was placed around his neck. The leaders drew their guns and told him to jump or else he would be riddled with bullets. Turning around the doomed man cursed his captors, and, uttering wild imprecations, leaped into space. The jump broke his neck, and after dangling in the air for some minutes he became still and a volley of shots were fired into him. The mob then dispersed, and the body was left dangling from the bridge. None of the mob made any attempt to conceal their identities, and the hanging was conducted with as much formality as if it had been a legal affair.

The dead sheriff was only recently married and leaves a young wife.

The murderer was a wealthy man, who lived at Stanton. He has killed three men. Coming to the fair he attempted to kill the fireman of the train because he would not increase the speed the locomotive was running.

This is the eighth lynching in central Kentucky in the past three months and the people have determined to put down murder if they have to take the law in their own hands every time a man is killed.

Morton's relatives are incensed over the lynching and it may be that some old feuds will be reopened.

CHEAPER WHISKY.

A Very Fair Quality of Spirits Made From Sugar Beet Molasses.

OMAHA, Oct. 15.—The Columbia Distilling company, the strongest enemy of the whisky trust, has made public the results of an experiment made Saturday by which they produce a very fair quality of spirits from sugar beet molasses. The success of the distillation is more important from the fact that it will afford additional profit to the sugar manufacturers and cheaper the manufacture of whisky.

The initiatory steps in the manufacture of beet sugar spirits was taken several days ago when the first car of the molasses was secured and the contents drawn off into the immense vat, in which the alkali, which has been gathered from the soil in which the beets have grown, is neutralized. Then the raw molasses is added, about 10 per cent of malt and yeast and a quantity of the chemical preparation which is depended on to convert the salts.

It is left in the vat for a short time, until the alkali is transformed, when the process of fermentation begins, and it is then pumped into one of the large fermenting vats where it lies for not more than 72 hours, until the process of fermenting is complete. The process was never tried before in this country, though it has been in use in Europe. The trust people claim it is not cheaper than the other process and is of little consequence.

Fort Wayne Fire.

FORT WAYNE, Oct. 15.—Fire destroyed the wholesale grocery of Noel-Lafayette and Hanna streets. Loss on stock \$40,000; on building \$5,000; fully covered by insurance. Origin unknown.

AMBASSADOR BAYARD

Returns to America to Remain Until Sometime in November.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Hon. T. F. Bayard, United States ambassador to Great Britain, returned to America on the American line steamer City of Paris. He was accompanied by his two daughters and granddaughters. Mr. Bayard was met at the dock by a number of Delaware friends. Regarding his desire to be a candidate for the senate he refused to say anything.

"I shall," he said, "go to Washington at once and from there in a few days to my home in Wilmington, where the greater portion of my stay in America will be spent. I expect to return to England in November next."

Better Government Than Ours.

Colonel James O. Broadhead, United States minister to Switzerland, was also a passenger on the Paris. He was accompanied by Mrs. Broadhead and they will go at once to St. Louis where Mr. Broadhead said, laughingly, he might have an opportunity to vote for a Democrat. He was very enthusiastic in his praise of Switzerland and declared that that country had the best system of government in the world.

"Better than our own?" he was asked.

"Well," was the emphatic reply, "I should think so."

CALIFORNIA CAVERNS

Partially Explored and Found to Hold the Mammoth Cave.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 15.—The series of caverns recently discovered by prospectors in the rocky sides of Cajon peak, a spur of the Cuyamaca range, have been partly explored and are found to rival the Mammoth cave of Kentucky in interesting features as well as in the size of the chambers. There are several external openings, from each of which a vertical ascent is made into a chamber with several lateral openings extending to other chambers, some of gigantic size.

The roofs and floors are brilliant with stalactites and stalagmites. Other passages leading in various directions into the heart of the mountain were traversed for considerable distance, and several mineral springs of strong saline quantities were found. Steps have been taken by the exploring party to organize a corporation and to secure title to the land on which the entrances were found, which is still vested in the government.

PYTHIAN SANITARIUM.

Committee to Select Location and Build It Meets.

LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 15.—The committee appointed to select a location and build the national Pythian sanitarium at Hot Springs met here. Those present were: Ed Hogaboom of Hot Springs, M. J. Manning of Clarendon, Aaron Meyers of Helena, Thomas Essex of Lebanon, Ill.; John T. King and C. F. Fowler of this city.

A subcommittee was appointed to draft articles of incorporation. The incorporators will be the members of the committee now in session. The committee left for Hot Springs to select a site. This grand jurisdiction has raised the \$30,000 necessary to secure the sanitarium. It will cost \$350,000.

Three Men Drowned.

BROOKLYN, Oct. 15.—About 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon a catboat containing four men was struck by a squall off Coney Island and capsized. The accident was witnessed by a number of people on shore and John and Daniel Bailey of Coney Island immediately started to the rescue in a small boat. They succeeded in rescuing one of the party who was clinging to the overturned boat and brought him ashore in an unconscious condition. He was finally resuscitated. He said that his name was Walter Both and that his companions, who were drowned, were Frank McIntyre, James Ford and Frank Britton, all of New Brighton.

Death of an Old Newspaper Man.

SANDUSKY, O., Oct. 15.—Hon. Oran Follet of this city died yesterday afternoon in his 95th year. When a boy he learned the printer's trade, edited a paper at Batavia, N. Y., for some years, was a member of the New York legislature, an associate of Thurlow Weed. After removing to Ohio he was editor of the Ohio State Journal, a member of the board of public works, president of the Sandusky, Dayton and Cincinnati railroad, retired to private life in 1863, but continued to write for the press, frequent articles from his pen appearing in The Register of this city and New York Evening Post. He was an intimate friend of William Cullen Bryant.

Young Crittenden Now in Jail.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 15.—Edmund Crittenden, son of Colonel Robert H. Crittenden, who was captured in Canada, was brought here yesterday and lodged in jail to await trial in the United States court to answer to the charge of having taken money from the mail while engaged as letter carrier in the Frankfort postoffice. Young Crittenden was arrested last spring and defaulted his bond. He is a grandson of John J. Crittenden, famous in Kentucky politics, and was popular here in society. It is said Senator Lindsay will make an appeal to President Cleveland to pardon Crittenden owing to his extreme youth.

True Condition of the Car.

BERLIN, Oct. 15.—According to The Lokal Anzeiger, a Vienna physician, who is fully informed by St. Petersburg doctors, states that the diagnosis of the car's complaint wavers between cancer in the renal region and inflammation of the kidneys. All the doctors, however, agree that the end will be neither speedy nor sudden, but that death will come after a gradual decline.

REBELLION IN CHINA.

Loyal Troops Attacked and Very Easily Defeated—Latest War News.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—A dispatch from Shanghai confirms the report telegraphed to the Associated Press that rebellion has broken out 100 miles from Hankow. The rebels are fairly armed and very reckless. They attacked the government buildings which were feebly defended by loyal troops. The latter were soon defeated and many of them were killed; many others joined the rebels. Two mandarins were killed.

The province is almost denuded of troops and the rebels are daily gathering strength. It is expected that they will advance on Woo-Chang, province of Hoo-Pee, of which Hankow is the capital. The garrison at Woo-Chang has gone to the coast, and the place is therefore practically defenseless.

Germany's Attitude Toward China.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—A dispatch to The Times from Berlin says that Germany's refusal to interfere in the Chinese-Japanese troubles does not affect the question of the protection to Europeans in China, in which she will fully cooperate. The German commander in Chinese waters has already been authorized to dispatch a small body of marines to protect the legation at Peking. If there should be any trouble, it is believed that the moral effect of even such a small body of European troops would effectually check a Chinese mob.

Why News Is Suppressed.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—A dispatch from Shanghai says: It is reported that in consequence of the projected £10,000,000 10 per cent loan to be guaranteed by the imperial customs Chinese agents abroad have been instructed to put the best face possible on the Chinese reverses and to represent the fleet as being active and efficient.

Rifles For the Chinese Army.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—A dispatch from Berlin states that a Hamburg firm has purchased 100,000 Albion rifles at 4 francs each from the Belgian government for export to China.

MURDERER RUN DOWN.

A Burglar in Jail at Cleveland Charged With a More Serious Crime.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 15.—The police of this city believe that the murderers of Montgomery Gibbs of Buffalo have been run down at last. The woman, Sadie Robinson, who was taken to Buffalo Saturday night after confessing that it was she who killed Gibbs, is believed to have told the truth in part, at least. Her husband is in jail here charged with burglary, and a cousin of hers, named Bert Snyder, is also under arrest on the same charge.

A detective said that Snyder had made a statement to the police which threw a flood of light on the Gibbs murder. Snyder said that Robinson had confessed the murder to him. According to the story, Robinson and his wife arrived in Buffalo early last spring. They were penniless and decided to commit a robbery to get money. The woman donned men's clothing and she and her husband went to a lonely place on Delaware avenue to wait for a victim. Gibbs was the first well dressed man who happened along. He was told to throw up his hands, and when he resisted, Robinson shot him. The couple then fled and the next morning they came to Cleveland.

A dispatch from Buffalo says that Assistant Chief of Police Cusack of that city has started for Cleveland again, and it is believed that he will make a demand for Robinson on the strength of Snyder's story, which may have been corroborated by the woman, who is closely guarded in the Buffalo prison.

STORM OVER THE LAKES.

One Vessel Lost, Another Disabled and the Wind Still Blowing.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Oct. 15.—The steam barge Samuel Mitchell, while bound up Lake Superior yesterday morning, sprang several of her plates while laboring in the gale. She ran back here and is being examined to ascertain the extent of her damages. It is thought she will have to return to Cleveland to be docked. The Mitchell is light.

The steam barge George L. Colwell and schooner D. P. Dobbins, which are ashore at Deer Park, will prove total losses. Tugs have been sent to them, but as there is a big sea it is possible they will not reach them in time to save them.

Wind Blowing Sixty Miles an Hour. ALPENA, Mich., Oct. 15.—One of the worst gales of the season has prevailed here since Saturday night. The wind blew 60 miles an hour from the north, and the bay is full of boats.

Killed in a Peculiar Manner.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 15.—James Shelton was killed Saturday night in a peculiar manner. He was aboard the Kentucky Central en route to his home in Ohio, where he had been called by the illness of his mother. Just as the train was entering the Carlisle tunnel Shelton was taken sick and put his head out of the window. He was caught by a beam in the tunnel and dragged through the window, his body being mashed into a jelly.

Champion Female Sculler.

ST LOUIS, Oct. 15.—Before a throng, which packed the levees on the other side of the river and the great Eads bridge, Mississippi, Rose Mosentheim yesterday afternoon finished easily first in the mile and a half sculling match for the female championship of America, defeating Miss Tillie Ashley of Hartford, who, seeing the race lost, stopped rowing before the contest was half over.

EFFECTS OF THE STORM.

Two Vessels Badly Damaged and Another One Long Overdue.

PENNSACOLA, Fla., Oct. 15.—Captain Sinto and 16 men of the crew of the Spanish bark Barcelona, from New Orleans to Barcelona, with a cargo of staves, were brought here yesterday by the pilot boat Haze. The Barcelona was dismantled and waterlogged, her pumps and everything on deck being carried away in Monday's storm. One seaman was swept overboard and drowned. Captain Sinto and his crew were taken off Tuesday by the Norwegian bark Ankathen, about 200 miles southwest of Pensacola, and transferred to the pilot boat Saturday night.

The bark, John Ludwig, which sailed from here before the storm with a cargo of timber, was picked up Saturday night about 15 miles off the bar and towed in yesterday by the tug Monarch.

The bark was caught in the storm about 150 miles south of the bar while under bare poles. Her three masts were broken off and carried away, and her bulwarks and stanchions were stove in. For about 40 hours her rail was under water. Her crew was lashed to the opposite rail, but a tremendous wave broke the rope which held the mate and he was swept away and lost.

Much anxiety is felt here about the steamship Scythian, Captain Hamilton, of the Short Coal company fleet. She left Tampico on Oct. 3 with the large coal barge Alhambra in tow and has now been several days overdue. No tidings have been received of the vessel since the storm.

A Pensioner Murdered For His Money.

ALTON, Ill., Oct. 15.—A murder was committed in this city some time Saturday night and all search so far has failed to locate the guilty persons. Harrison Harris, a pensioner, had just drawn his pension for the last three months, besides his week's pay as a well digger. He proceeded to enjoy himself in the saloon section. He fell into bad company, and was at 2:30 o'clock a. m. found lying dead in the rear of a saloon in the east part of the city. A postmortem examination showed that Harris had been sand-bagged. All his money and his watch were missing.

Moon-Stone Duel.

WACO, Tex., Oct. 15.—Hosca L. Stone and Virgil Moon, two young farmers, 10 miles from this city, attended a country dance Saturday night and became involved in a dispute in which Moon accused Stone of misrepresenting him to a young woman of the neighborhood to whom both were paying attention. The men withdrew to a lane and engaged in a duel with knives with frightful effect upon Moon, who was cut and stabbed several times and died shortly afterward. Stone, badly wounded, made his escape, and has thus far eluded the officers who are in pursuit.

Free Fight in a Saloon.

OLD MONROE, Mo., Oct. 15.—Old Monroe was the scene of a free fight Saturday night in which knives were used and several heads broken. The affair originated at a dance given to raise off a horse. Four Rodgers brothers from Cap-Au-Gras were against the home talent. No less than 10 or 15 men were involved. When the noise of the battle ceased, the doors and windows and furniture of the saloon where the fight occurred were pretty well demolished, and Jack Besselman, Lee Galloway and one of the Rodgers brothers were seriously hurt.

Three Deaths at a Crossing.

BUFFALO, Oct. 15.—Dorothy, aged 11, and Emily, aged 5, daughters of John N. Scatchard, president of the Bank of Buffalo, and Republican state committeeman from the Thirty-third district, and Miss Emily B. S. Woods, aged 50, sister-in-law of Mr. Scatchard, were struck and killed by a freight engine on the New York Central Belt line, at the Parkside crossing, yesterday afternoon. The side curtains of the carriage were up and it is probable that Miss Woods, who was an expert horsewoman, did not see or hear the approach of the train.

Ignored the Police.

PARIS, Oct. 15.—During a bull fight at Dax, south of France, yesterday, an officer escorted by a policeman went to the arena to stop the sport. He laid before the directors a legal paper forbidding the fight, and was ignored by them. The torreadores continued their work until they killed the bull amid the cheers and applause of the spectators. After the fight the crowd hustled the policeman and jeered the officer. The town is much excited over the event.

Traded Wives.

ANDERSON, Ind., Oct. 15.—The Rev. Dr. Smith, well known in religious circles throughout Indiana, while preaching at Winchester became infatuated with the wife of Fred Helm. Mr. Helm, strangely enough, fell in love with Mrs. Smith, and the result was, they traded wives. This caused a very great sensation and necessitated Mr. Smith's retirement from the ministry. Saturday the judge of the circuit court of Anderson granted Mrs. Smith a divorce.

Death of Henry H. Green.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., Oct. 15.—Henry H. Green died at Mora last night. He came to this country in 1854. He was a classmate of General Grant at West Point, and the general appointed him internal revenue collector in 1868. He was stationed at Fort Dearborn when Chicago had not yet been started as a village. He was a Mexican war veteran with a proud record and was connected with the army in New Mexico for a great many years, chiefly in the quartermaster's department. He was 71 years old at the time of his death.

CROSSING COLLISION.

An Engineer Responsible For a Horrible Railroad Accident.

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE.

One Excursion Train Cuts Another in Two. One Person Killed and a Score of Others Injured, Some of Them Probably Fatally—The Engineer Seeks Safety in Flight. List of the Victims.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 15.—Engineer Simpson of the East Louisiana railroad is responsible for a frightful accident that occurred yesterday morning at the crossing of the Louisville and Nashville and the Northeastern road, about two miles from where the former road leaves Elysian Fields street—an accident that will in all probability result in at least one fatality, while a score of passengers on the Louisville and Nashville received severe injuries.

The Louisville and Nashville "Across the Lake" excursion train, consisting of eight coaches well loaded with pleasure-seekers, a large proportion of them being women and children, pulled out on time. As the train approached the crossing of the Northeastern tracks, Engineer Hanley brought his train to a stop and whistled as the law requires. He then gave the signal to go ahead and proceeded across the tracks of the Northeastern.

The East Louisiana train, carrying excursionists to points in Saint Tammany parish, was booming along its tracks and with a shrill shriek from its whistle for down brakes, it crashed into the sixth coach of the Louisville and Nashville train. The collision threw a crowded coach completely into the ditch, while the attacking engine was derailed, and buried its nose several feet in the soft mud.

Passengers on the East Louisiana train were uninjured except for the shock of the collision. Not so with the coast excursion, however. Just before the iron monster struck the coach several of the passengers saw it coming and a panic ensued. There was a wild rush to escape from the doomed coach, but before one of the passengers could reach either platform the approaching engine had struck, and the coach, with its living freight, was hurled from the tracks into the ditch. Women and children shrieked in their terror, while men fought their way blindly for some escape from the coach.

Seats were torn up and hurled in every direction by the force of the collision, and after the first wild panic had subsided, there were heard piteous moans from different quarters of the wreck, telling of painful injuries. Willing hands went to work, and within a short time the wounded ones had been taken from the coach and made as comfortable as circumstances would permit.

The greatest indignation and anger prevailed among the witnesses of the collision against Engineer Simpson, who had ruthlessly disregarded the law, requiring him to stop and had caused the frightful wreck. Inquiry developed the fact that Simpson had escaped to the swamp.

A section foreman on the handcar brought the news of the collision to the city, and the Northeastern officials dispatched a special train to convey the injured to the city.

The list of the injured are:

Robert Carey, sugar broker, left leg broken and head cut.

R. H. Holmes, left leg and arm broken.

A. C. Whillow, left knee and hip hurt.

Mrs. Julia Muir, left leg and ankle injured and severe scalp wound.

Andrew Lee, contusion of the neck.

S. C. Courtney, head slightly injured.

Frank Carambat, slightly hurt about left side.

Mrs. Frank Carambat was also injured severely about the side.

Ella Sharp, a niece of Mrs. Carambat, contusion of the neck.

E. J. Evans, slightly cut about the face.

D. R. Fleming, left leg bruised.

M. McDonnell, badly bruised about the left side of the head and right arm.

R. T. McKeeman of Biloxi, slightly hurt.

Mr. Lehman, severely hurt about head.

C. S. Younger, bruised about the body.

Mrs. A. S. Cosa, badly bruised.

Mrs. L. Spiers, badly bruised.

A son of General A. S. Badger, badly hurt.

A small boy was seriously hurt about the head, but immediately after the wreck he left the scene in charge of his father.

IRON AND STEEL BOOM.

The Pennsylvania Mills at Harrisburg Overcrowded With Orders.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 15.—Iron and steel mills in this locality are enjoying an era of unprecedented prosperity. At the Pennsylvania steel works the production of rails and Bessemer steel last week was the heaviest for years. The three furnaces in blast averaged nearly 300 tons daily. For three days the Bessemer mill averaged 120 blows every 24 hours.

The rail mill made 4,000 tons of rails during the week, the largest production in its history. On Thursday 816 tons were turned out—nearly a ton to every two minutes. The company has contracts for 100,000 tons of girder rails from the Chicago Street Railway company of Chicago, and another large contract from Covington, Ky. There are 4,000 men employed in the steel works.